

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Since 1792, the members of the Kentucky National Guard have unhesitatingly answered the call to serve our nation and our Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, Today, members of the Kentucky National Guard serve across the Commonwealth and around the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan, in the finest traditions of Kentucky's military heritage; and
- WHEREAS, On June 24, 1792, the Militia Act was signed into law by Governor Isaac Shelby, which recognized the formation of a Kentucky Militia, the forerunner of today's Kentucky National Guard; and
- WHEREAS, This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the return of the 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery's from its tour of duty in Vietnam; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky National Guard has been second to none in its role on the front lines of the war on terrorism. The distinguished service of many brave young men and women bears witness to the dedication and character of Kentucky's sons and daughters. Many have suffered from hardship and injuries, and some have given their last full measure of devotion in the name of freedom; and
- WHEREAS, June 24, 2009, marks the 217<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Kentucky National Guard as its longstanding and distinguished military service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the nation continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim June 24, 2009, as

## KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD DAY

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to show special recognition of the current members, former members, and Guard member families of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard for their unparalleled dedication and professionalism in their defense and protection of the citizens of the Commonwealth and the nation.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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